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SUBJ: AFM BULLETIN COMMENTARY ON "U.S. DEFEATS IN
INDOCHINA"

MAY 20 AFM BULLETIN INCLUDES SCATHING UNSIGNED COMMENTARY
ON U.S. IN INDOCHINA STRESSING U.S. MILITARY, POLITICAL
AND ECONOMIC WEAKNESS, CONCLUDING PROVOCATIVELY THAT THE
"WILL OF THE PEOPLE UNITED IN JUST CAUSE CANNOT BE UNDONE
BY ANY WORDLY POWER." ARTICLE REPLAYED IN "SEculo" SAME
DAY. SIGNIFICANT POINTS REPRINTED FROM ARTICLE FOLLOW:
--"THE DEFEAT OF AMERICAN IMPERIALISM IN CAMBODIA, LAOS
AND ESPECIALLY VIETNAM REPRESENTS A DEFINITE WEAKNESS OF
THIS SUPERPOWER FROM A MILITARY, ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL
POINT OF VIEW AND, CONSEQUENTLY, A GREAT VICTORY FOR
PEOPLE AND REVOLUTION."

--"THE U.S. ARMY LOST ITS PRESTIGE AND MORAL STRENGTH:
ACCORDING TO CONSERVATIVE ESTIMATES, 150 THOUSAND YOUNG
MEN REFUSED TO SERVE IN VIETNAM. (THE PENTAGON,
WHICH NEVER POSSESSED A SENSE OF THE RIDICULOUS, GIVES
1300 AS THE OFFICIAL NUMBER OF DESERTERS.)"

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--"THE VICTORY OF THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE, LIKE THE VICTORY

OF THE PEOPLE IN CAMBODIA, ANGOLA, GUINE-BISSAU OR
MOZAMBIQUE, CLEARLY SHOWS THAT THE EFFORTS OF THE OPPRESSORS
AND EXPLOITERS TO DOMINATE THE PEOPLE ARE IN VAIN."

--"THE MOST POWERFUL OF THE SUPERPOWERS WAS DEFEATED BY
A LITTLE COUNTRY WHOSE PEOPLE TOOK ARMS AND UNITED TO
STRUGGLE UNTIL THE END AGAINST IMPERIALISM IN ORDER TO
ACHIEVE INDEPENDENCE, PEACE, DEMOCRACY AND NEUTRALITY.
THE DETERMINATION AND WILL OF A PEOPLE, UNITED IN JUST
CAUSE, ARE FORCES THAT CANNOT BE UNDONE BY ANY
POWER IN THE WORLD."
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